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Sir:

**APPLICANT'S SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW  
AND  
CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY FOR  
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

By telephone conversation initiated by Examiner Fetzner on June 25, 2004, it was explained that claims 1-12 would be allowed provided that all independent claims are amended to incorporate the limitation of dependent claim 15.

On July 6, 2004, the undersigned telephoned Examiner Fetzner to accept this offer without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, applicant presently plans to file a divisional application in which to continue prosecution of at least existing claims 1-12. However, to expedite issuance of at least some claims, the Examiner is hereby authorized to make the following Examiner's Amendment:

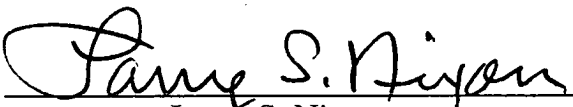
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Cancel dependent claim 15 and incorporate its substance into all pending independent claims 1, 6, 8 and 11 (without prejudice or disclaimer) thus leaving all remaining claims 1-12 in allowable condition.

Although no additional fees are believed required at this time, authority is also hereby given to charge any further fees, required to effect this action to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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